THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Friday, the 20th January 1961.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members, this is the first time we are meeting in the New Year. So let me wish you all a very happy New Year and everything that is bright and propitious during the year 1961.

II.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF SRI A. KUPPUSWAMY MUDALIAR, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : At the commencement of this session, it is my melancholy duty to report to the House the sudden death of Sri A. Kuppuswamy Mudaliar, a Member of this House, on the 5th January 1961.

Born in August 1891, Sri A. Kuppuswamy Mudaliar participated in the freedom struggle as early as 1906–1908 under the leadership of Tilak. He was a staunch and veteran Congressman and participated in all the movements connected with the struggle for Independence from 1921 to 1942 and underwent imprisonment for a total period of about 8 years. He was a Member of the North Arcot District Board from 1937 to 1944 and a Member of the Vellore Municipal Council from 1937 to 1943 and again from 1956 to 1960. He had served the Provincial, District, and Taluk Congress Committees in various capacities. For a time, he was President of the Vellore Town Congress Committee. He was elected to the Legislative Council in April 1960 from the State Legislative Assembly Constituency. During his short period of membership of this august House, he endeared himself to one and all of us by his affability and cordiality. His death has removed a friend and a colleague.

I now move the following Condolence Resolution :—

"This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri A. Kuppuswamy Mudaliar, a Member of this House, and conveys its profound sympathy to the members of his bereaved family."

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, I rise to associate the Government with the resolution just now moved by you. Sri Kuppuswamy Mudaliar was a great patriot who dedicated his whole life to the cause of liberation of this country. He was a selfless worker and he suffered throughout his life with that distant vision that one day India will be free and that he would live to see it. God has given him the great satisfaction of seeing that his labours come true.